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Atty. ref. P03096US2A
(BJ001d0nUSc)

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to the specification is intended to specifically reference those applications to which the instant application claims priority. Applicants submit that this amendment satisfies the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5).

An appropriate priority claim was made in the Declaration executed by the inventors (copy included) which was filed along with other documents intended to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371. This priority claim has been recognized by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the aforementioned Official Filing Receipt (copy included).

Given this recognition on the filing receipt, Applicants submit that a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is not required. See MPEP 201.11(III)(D), which reads in pertinent part:

If an applicant includes a benefit claim in the application but not in the manner specified by 37 CFR 1.78(a) (e.g., if the claim is included in an oath or declaration or the application transmittal letter) within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a), the Office will not require a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) to correct the claim if the information concerning the claim was recognized by the Office as shown by its inclusion on the filing receipt.

(The priority claim was included in a Declaration submitted at the commencement of national stage entry proceedings, so it was made within the time period set forth in Rule 78(a).)

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment after reviewing and confirming its accuracy and completeness.

Questions concerning this submission should be directed to the undersigned. However, the correspondence address is as set forth on the aforementioned Transmittal and in the accompanying Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY, Utility or Design Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63) Submitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> after initial filing (surcharge required, 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e))	Client ref.: P03096US2A Firm ref.: BJ001.d0nUSc First named inventor: Yan
	U.S. appl. no.: Filing date: 20 October 2005 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is the international filing date Art unit: Examiner:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

- My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
➤ I believe I am an original and first ☒ and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention set forth in an application for patent entitled:

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the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto, or
☒ was filed on 10/20/2005 (mm/dd/yyyy) as ☐ U.S. or ☒ international application number PCT/US2005/038017
☒ and was amended on 04/19/2006 (mm/dd/yyyy).

I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 including, for continuation-in-part applications, such information that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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Foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor(s) or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below are claimed, and identified below are any foreign application for patent, inventor(s) or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

APPLICATION NUMBER(s)	COUNTRY	DATE FILED <small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>	PRIORITY NOT CLAIMED	CERTIFIED COPY INCLUDED
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Benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) for patent listed adjacent hereto are hereby claimed.

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Benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below are hereby claimed. (See above for Rule 56 duties for CIP applications.)

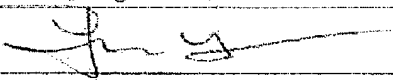
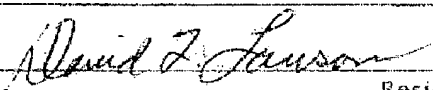
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